

banana farmers, and the economies of so many Caribbean nations, not be damaged in any way.

I urge my colleagues to oppose H.R. 4761. It is a bill that rewards one special interest at the expense of many of our Caribbean allies and more importantly it will consign Caribbean peoples to further economic devastation beyond that experienced by the recent hurricane. This bill deserves to be defeated.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CALVERT). The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, further proceedings on this resolution will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 4 of rule XV.

Such roll call votes, if postponed, will be taken later.

VETERANS' BENEFITS ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1998

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H.Res. 592) providing for the concurrence by the House with amendments in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4110.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 592

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution the House shall be considered to have taken from the Speaker's table the bill H.R. 4110, with the amendment of the Senate thereto, and to have concurred in the amendment of the Senate with the following amendments:

(1) Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services provided to Persian Gulf War veterans, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid to veterans with service-connected disabilities, to enhance programs providing health care, compensation, education, insurance, and other benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

(2) In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the amendment of the Senate, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. References to title 38, United States code.

TITLE I—PROVISIONS RELATING TO VETERANS OF PERSIAN GULF WAR AND FUTURE CONFLICTS

Sec. 101. Agreement with National Academy of Sciences regarding evaluation of health consequences of service in Southwest Asia during the Persian Gulf War.

Sec. 102. Health care for veterans of Persian Gulf War and future conflicts.

Sec. 103. National center on war-related illnesses and post-deployment health issues.

Sec. 104. Coordination of activities.

Sec. 105. Improving effectiveness of care of Persian Gulf War veterans.

Sec. 106. Contract for independent recommendations on research and for development of curriculum on care of Persian Gulf War veterans.

Sec. 107. Extension and improvement of evaluation of health status of spouses and children of Persian Gulf War veterans.

TITLE II—EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Subtitle A—Education Matters

Sec. 201. Calculation of reporting fee based on total veteran enrollment during a calendar year.

Sec. 202. Election of advance payment of work-study allowance.

Sec. 203. Alternative to twelve semester hour equivalency requirement.

Sec. 204. Medical evidence for flight training requirements.

Sec. 205. Waiver of wage increase and minimum payment rate requirements for government job training program approval.

Sec. 206. Expansion of education outreach services.

Sec. 207. Information on minimum requirements for education benefits for members of the Armed Forces discharged early from duty for the convenience of the Government.

Subtitle B—Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act Amendments

Sec. 211. Enforcement of rights with respect to a State as an employer.

Sec. 212. Protection of extraterritorial employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services.

Sec. 213. Complaints relating to reemployment of members of the uniformed services in Federal service.

TITLE III—COMPENSATION, PENSION, AND INSURANCE

Sec. 301. Medal of Honor special pension.

Sec. 302. Accelerated death benefit for Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance participants.

Sec. 303. Assessment of effectiveness of insurance and survivor benefits programs for survivors of veterans with service-connected disabilities.

Sec. 304. National Service Life Insurance program.

TITLE IV—MEMORIAL AFFAIRS

Sec. 401. Commemoration of individuals whose remains are unavailable for interment.

Sec. 402. Merchant mariner burial and cemetery benefits.

Sec. 403. Redesignation of National Cemetery System and establishment of Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs.

Sec. 404. State cemetery grants program.

TITLE V—COURT OF VETERANS APPEALS

Subtitle A—Administrative Provisions Relating to the Court

Sec. 501. Continuation in office of judges pending confirmation for second term.

Sec. 502. Exemption of retirement fund from sequestration orders.

Sec. 503. Adjustments for survivor annuities.

Sec. 504. Reports on retirement program modifications.

Subtitle B—Renaming of Court

Sec. 511. Renaming of the Court of Veterans Appeals.

Sec. 512. Conforming amendments.

Sec. 513. Effective date.

TITLE VI—HOUSING

Sec. 601. Loan guarantee for multifamily transitional housing for homeless veterans.

Sec. 602. Veterans housing benefit program fund account consolidation.

Sec. 603. Extension of eligibility of members of Selected Reserve for veterans housing loans.

Sec. 604. Applicability of procurement law to certain contracts of department of veterans affairs.

TITLE VII—CONSTRUCTION AND FACILITIES MATTERS

Sec. 701. Authorization of major medical facility projects.

Sec. 702. Authorization of major medical facility leases.

Sec. 703. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 704. Increase in threshold for major medical facility leases for purposes of congressional authorization.

Sec. 705. Threshold for treatment of parking facility project as a major medical facility project.

Sec. 706. Parking fees.

Sec. 707. Master plan regarding use of Department of Veterans Affairs lands at West Los Angeles Medical Center, California.

Sec. 708. Designation of Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Aspinwall, Pennsylvania.

Sec. 709. Designation of Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Gainesville, Florida.

Sec. 710. Designation of Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic, Columbus, Ohio.

TITLE VIII—HEALTH PROFESSIONALS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Sec. 801. Short title.

Sec. 802. Scholarship program for Department of Veterans Affairs employees receiving education or training in the health professions.

Sec. 803. Education debt reduction program for Veterans Health Administration health professionals.

Sec. 804. Repeal of prohibition on payment of tuition loans.

Sec. 805. Conforming amendments.

Sec. 806. Coordination with appropriations provision.

TITLE IX—MISCELLANEOUS MEDICAL CARE AND MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION PROVISIONS

Sec. 901. Examinations and care associated with certain radiation treatment.